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FM AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3188  
INFO USINT BAGHDAD  
AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

C O N F I D E N T I A L DAMASCUS 3210

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, SY, LE  
SUBJECT: WALID JUMBLATT'S VISIT TO DAMASCUS

1. HAD OPPORTUNITY MAY 20 TO DISCUSS JUMBLATT'S VISIT  
WITH BOTH SYRIAN COS SHIHABI AND DEPDEFMIN NAJI JAMIL.  
THEIR REACTIONS TO WALID WERE VERY SIMILAR: HE IS AS YET  
"UNRIPE" POLITICALLY AND NOT THE LEADER HIS FATHER WAS.  
IN CONTEXT, BOTH OBSERVATIONS WERE INTENDED AS COMPLIMENTS.

2. SHIHABI AND JAMIL SEPARATELY AFFIRMED THAT JUMBLATT  
WAS PARTICULAR TARGET OF EFFORTS BY THE LEBANESE COMMUNISTS  
WHO HOPED TO MANIPULATE HIM TO REGAIN GROUND THE PARTY HAD LOST  
SINCE LAST FALL'S CEASEFIRE. SHIHABI ADDED THAT THE  
IRAQIS WERE ALSO WORKING HARD TO CONVERT WALID. THIS  
COMBINATION OF PRESSURES, SHIHABI SAID, HAD STIMULATED THE  
SYRIAN INVITATION TO JUMBLATT TO VISIT DAMASCUS FOR  
A FULL PROGRAM OF VISITS, INCLUDING AN EXTENDED INTERVIEW  
WITH ASSAD.

3. WE NOTE JUMBLATT RETURNED TO BEIRUT THE EVENING OF  
MAY 20 MAKING VERY PLEASANT NOISES ABOUT SYRIAN  
LEADERSHIP.

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